In the United States Court of Federal Claims

OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

PAUL GRIGLOCK, executor of the *
estate of SOPHIE GRIGLOCK, deceased, *

No. 09-275V

Petitioner, * Special Master Christian J. Moran

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v. * Filed: April 8, 2013

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH * Attorneys' fees and costs; stipulation of fact; award in the amount to which

respondent has not objected

Respondent. *

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UNPUBLISHED DECISION ON FEES AND COSTS¹

Ronald C. Homer, Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan, Boston, MA, for Petitioner; Voris E. Johnson, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., for Respondent.

Petitioner, Paul Griglock, executor of the estate of Sophie Griglock, deceased, filed a stipulation of fact concerning final attorneys' fees and costs in the above-captioned matter on April 4, 2013. Previously, on March 7, 2013, Mr. Griglock filed a motion for attorneys' fees and costs, to which respondent submitted a response objecting to certain items. Resp't Resp., filed Mar. 27, 2013. A status conference was held on April 3, 2013. Based on subsequent discussions, petitioner amended his application to request a total of \$86,458.15 in fees and costs, an amount to which respondent does not object. The Court awards this amount.

Mr. Griglock filed for compensation alleging that Sophie died as a result of the influenza vaccination she received on October 6, 2005. Mr. Griglock, as executor of Sophie's estate, was awarded the statutory death benefit of \$250,000. <u>Decision</u>, filed Feb. 11, 2011, <u>aff'd</u> 99 Fed. Cl. 373 (2011), <u>aff'd</u> 687 F.3d 1371 (Fed. Cir. 2012). Because Mr. Griglock received compensation, he is entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and costs. 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(e).

¹ The E-Government Act of 2002, Pub. L. No. 107-347, 116 Stat. 2899, 2913 (Dec. 17, 2002), requires that the Court post this decision on its website. Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to file a motion proposing redaction of medical information or other information described in 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-12(d)(4). Any redactions ordered by the special master will appear in the document posted on the website.

Mr. Griglock seeks a total of **\$86,458.15** in attorneys' fees and costs, which amount includes \$70,720.94 in fees and \$6,715.63 in costs for her current counsel (Conway, Homer & Chin-Caplan), \$7,000 in fees and \$563.43 in costs for her former counsel (Kisailus & Kisailus Law Office), and \$1,458.15 in out-of-pocket litigation costs. Respondent has no objection to the amount requested for attorneys' fees and costs. After reviewing the request, the court awards petitioner the stipulated amount as follows:

- A. A lump sum of \$77,436.57 in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's attorney, Ronald. C. Homer, for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. §300aa-15(e); and
- B. A lump sum of \$7,563.43 in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioner and petitioner's former attorney, Kisailus & Kisailus Law Office, for attorneys' fees and costs available under 42 U.S.C. §300aa-15(e); and
- C. A lump sum of \$1,458.15 in the form of a check made payable to petitioner for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in proceeding on the petition.

The court thanks the parties for their cooperative efforts in resolving this matter. In the absence of a motion for review filed pursuant to RCFC, Appendix B, the Clerk shall enter judgment accordingly.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Christian J. Moran Christian J. Moran Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties can expedite entry of judgment by each party filing a notice renouncing the right to seek review by a United States Court of Federal Claims judge.